

August 14, 2017

**EX PARTE NOTICE VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network, PS Docket No. 16-269**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, August 11, 2017, Trey Hanbury and Tom Peters, Counsel to Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc (Southern Linc) spoke by phone with David Furth, Roberto Mussenden, Erika Olsen and Rasoul Safavian of the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to discuss the agency's Report and Order regarding review of requests to opt-out from the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet's) plan for the nationwide public safety broadband network in a state.<sup>1</sup> Southern Linc discussed the arguments raised in Southern Linc's comments on FirstNet's interoperability matrix and its response to AT&T's and FirstNet's *ex partes* on the Commission's review of state opt-out plans.<sup>2</sup>

Please contact me with any questions about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> See *Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network*, Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 5311 (2017).

<sup>2</sup> See Comments of Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc, PS Docket No. 16-269 (filed July 17, 2017); *Ex Parte* Letters from Trey Hanbury, Counsel, Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, PS Docket No. 16-269, GN Docket No. 17-83 (filed June 14, 2017).

cc: David Furth  
Roberto Mussenden  
Erika Olsen  
Rasoul Safavian